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Nina groaned as she watched the snow falling.

“I hope we aren’t going outside,” Nina said. “I lost my gloves.”

“Didn’t you just lose a pair?” Izzie asked.

Nina frowned. “It’s not my fault. They just disappear. And my mom doesn’t have time to look for them.”



“My mother says I’m responsible for finding my own stuff,” Izzie said.

Nina’s cheeks turned pink. “We were rushed this morning because of Lulu. I forgot my lunch too.”

“I lose socks all the time. See?” Bobby pulled up his pants legs. He was wearing one blue sock and one red sock.



Miss Shelly suddenly dropped a box of gloves on the table.

“Did you find my gloves, Miss Shelly?” Nina asked hopefully.

“No,” Miss Shelly said. “But we’re using gloves to make something—glove monsters.”

Bobby grinned. “It’s the glove monster’s fault! It ate Nina’s gloves!”



Izzie burst out laughing.

“It’s not funny, Izzie!” Nina snapped. “I’ll be in big trouble if I can’t find my gloves!”

Miss Shelly put a hand on Nina’s shoulder. “Choose a glove from the box, everyone. Then turn it inside out.”

The kids each found a glove.



“Put the fingers facing down,” Miss Shelly went on. “Then sew across the top of the glove in a U-shape. Leave a small opening at the top.”

“Ouch!” Jason said.

“Try not to stick your finger with the needle,” Miss Shelly said.

“Too late,” Jason mumbled.



“Turn the gloves right-side out,” Miss Shelly said.

Bobby followed her instruction. “Hey! Where did the thumb go?”

Izzie laughed. “You sewed it closed, silly!”

“Tuck in the cuffs and start stuffing your gloves,” Miss Shelly said.



Ethan grinned. “I get it! The outside fingers are the monster’s arms. The inside fingers are its legs.”

“That’s right,” Miss Shelly said. “Now sew the opening at the top closed. And make your monster’s face with buttons and felt and yarn.”

Izzie found one gold button. “I need



another gold button for my monster’s eyes.”

Nina felt bad about yelling at Izzie. She looked through the box of buttons. “Here’s another gold one, Izzie.”

“Thanks,” Izzie said. “Sorry I laughed before.”

“Sorry I yelled,” Nina said. “I’m in a grumpy mood today.”



Soon everyone was finished. Bobby's monster was a pirate. Ethan's monster had a mouth shaped like a triangle, just like a beak. Jason's monster had glasses.

"Let's take our monsters outside!" Ethan said.

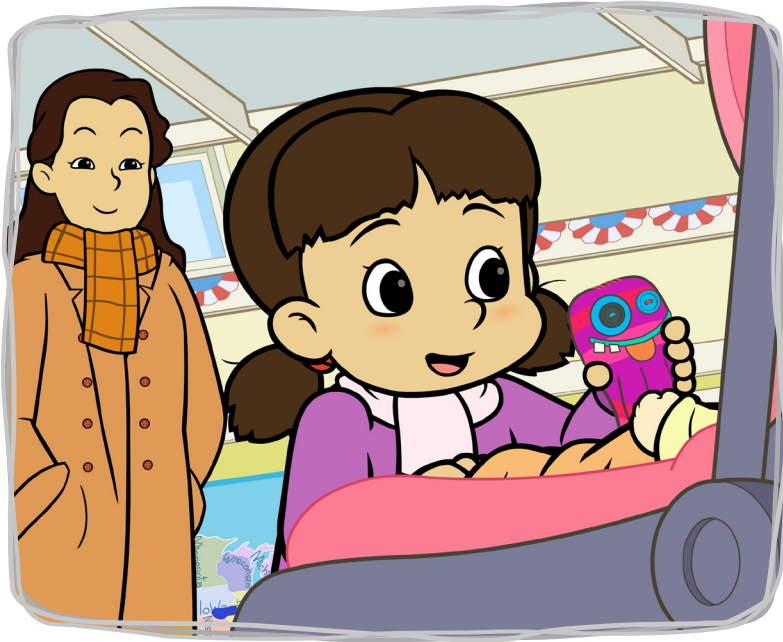
Nina and Izzie ran to the swings together. Izzie brushed snow from the seat, and . . .



"My gloves!" Nina cried as two gloves fell to the ground. "I left them outside yesterday, and the snow covered them up!"

Izzie grinned. "The snow monster did it!"

"Nope." Nina shook her head. "I did it. From now on, I'm going to make sure my gloves are in my pocket."



When Nina's mother came to pick her up, Lulu was wailing loudly.

"Look, Lulu!" Nina made her glove monster dance lightly across Lulu's belly.

"It's a glove monster!"

The baby began to giggle. So did Nina!

Things You'll Need



an old glove



thread,
about 1 meter long



a sewing needle



buttons



polyester or
cotton stuffing



felt



yarn

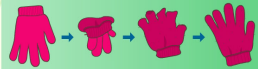


scissors



glue
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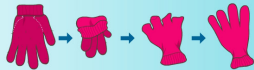
Do It Yourself



1) Turn the glove inside out.



2) Sew in a U-shape from the top of the thumb hole to the other side of the glove. Leave an opening at the top, about 2.5 cm.



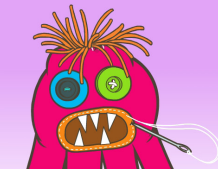
3) Turn the glove right-side out. You should see four fingers now (no thumb).



4) Tuck the top of the glove inside the body. Fill the glove with stuffing. Push the stuffing to the bottom of the four fingers.



5) Sew the hole at the top closed.



6) Decorate your monster's face with felt, yarn, and buttons. You can sew on the decorations or use glue.